

Washington, D.C.— Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) announced that the House will vote on legislation that includes funding she requested in H.R 3043, *Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations for FY08*. The bill includes funding Bean requested for the following projects:

F.A.S.T. Solutions Initiative: \$357,000 for McHenry County Community College’s Employer Identified Occupational Training FAST Solutions program, which provides flexible and sustainable workforce training in a “boot camp” format that is designed to provide intensive, short-term occupational training in specific fields identified by employers through their participation on the McHenry County Workforce Investment Board (WIB).

Advocate Good Shepard Hospital: \$30,000 via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion program for the Wauconda Obesity Prevention Project, which addresses the growing health problem of childhood obesity at elementary schools in Lake County. This funding will bring into the program all third, fourth and fifth graders at all three elementary schools in Wauconda Community School District 118 and deliver comprehensive health education, including nutrition education, physical activity and parental involvement.

Kids Hope United Multi-Systemic Therapy Program: \$270,000 for Kids Hope United to expand its Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) Program to provide services to high-risk youth and their families. The MST program targets youth ages 10-17 who are at high risk of out-of-home placement. This funding allows Kids Hope United to expand its MST services to serve 46 additional high-risk youth annually.

Shedd Aquarium IL 8th Congressional District Education, Community Outreach and Mentoring Initiative: \$150,000 (requested with other members) for the “Shedd Aquarium 8th Congressional District of Illinois Education, Community Outreach and Mentoring Initiative.” This project highlights the Great Lakes aquatic ecosystem through an interactive, multifaceted program that also incorporates community outreach, teen mentor and stewardship programs at Illinois Beach State Park in Zion.

Children's Memorial Hospital Intensive Care Unit Facilities: \$525,000 (requested with other Members) to help build a new hospital that will allow Children’s Memorial to continue providing

all children in the region with access to the best pediatric medicine and the most advanced cures, treatments and technology in a family-centered environment.

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